

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus capable of outputting data by using another apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

5 creating means for creating setting information when data is output, during a predetermined process of making the output data recognizable by the other apparatus; and

10 calculating means for calculating an output charge in accordance with the created setting information,

 wherein creating the setting information and calculating the output charge are performed before the output data is sent to the network.

15 2. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein calculation by said calculating means is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus.

20 3. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein generating the setting information is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus, and calculation by said calculating means is performed by a charge application which is
25 activated by a process different from the control program.

4. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein whether calculation by said calculating means is performed and whether the output data is sent to the network after the calculation by said calculating means, is settable beforehand.

5. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if the output charge calculated by said calculating means exceeds a predetermined value, the output data is not sent to the network.

6. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising notifying means for notifying a user of the output charge calculated by said calculating means.

7. An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising means responsive to an operation by the user for terminating an output process without sending the output data to the network or for changing the setting information.

8. An information processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein if the setting information is to be changed, information for making the user select either setting of charge regard or setting of output quality regard is notified to the user.

9. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said calculating means calculates the output charge in accordance with charge information stored in the information processing apparatus.

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10. An information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the charge information is updated in accordance with information received via the network.

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11. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said creating means makes a user set information for the output data during executing the predetermined process.

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12. A storage medium storing a program for controlling an information processing apparatus capable of outputting data by using another apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

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a creating step of creating setting information when data is output, during a predetermined process of making the output data recognizable by the other apparatus; and

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a calculating step of calculating an output charge in accordance with the created setting information,

wherein creating the setting information and calculating the output charge are performed before the

output data is sent to the network.

13. A storage medium according to claim 12,
wherein calculation by said calculating step is
5 performed by a control program for controlling the
other apparatus.

14. A storage medium according to claim 12,
wherein generating the setting information is performed
10 by a control program for controlling the other
apparatus, and calculation by said calculating step is
performed by a charge application which is activated by
a process different from the control program.

15. A storage medium according to claim 12,
wherein whether calculation by said calculating step is
preformed and whether the output data is sent to the
network after the calculation by said calculating step,
is settable beforehand.

20 16. A storage medium according to claim 12,
wherein if the output charge calculated by said
calculating step exceeds a predetermined value, the
output data is not sent to the network.

25 17. A storage medium according to claim 12,
further comprising a notifying step of notifying a user

of the output charge calculated by said calculating step.

18. A storage medium according to claim 17,
5 further comprising a step, responsive to an operation by the user, of terminating an output process without sending the output data to the network or of changing the setting information.

10 19. A storage medium according to claim 18, wherein if the setting information is to be changed, information for making the user select either setting of charge regard or setting of output quality regard is notified to the user.

15 20. A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein said calculating step calculates the output charge in accordance with charge information stored in the information processing apparatus.

20 21. A storage medium according to claim 20, wherein the charge information is updated in accordance with information received via the network.

25 22. A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein said creating step makes a user set information for the output data during executing the predetermined process.